

# Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, December 12, 2012

## Present

Lee Godburn (chair)  
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (sec.)  
Richard Kamins  
Cassandra Day (vice-chair)  
Franca Biales  
Joyce Kirkpatrick (left 8:00)  
Linda Salafia (council, arrived 8:15)  
Hannah Breton (Student rep)

## Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

## Absent

Fran Ganguli  
Bob Santangelo (council)  
Barbara Arafah  
Charlotte McCoid  
Lea Tomaszewski  
Lauren Hodge (student rep)  
Chelsea Rak (student rep)

## Call to order

Commission Chair Lee Godburn called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in room 208, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive

**Public session:** John Bell, Anne-Marie Cannata, Matt Pugliese

Matt Pugliese, Oddfellows Playhouse, spoke about the partnership application for DECD-COA ACPIII funding to expand Kids Arts to a full day camp. Partnering with the city, NEAR, Inc. and Oddfellows, and the Chamber of Commerce, Parks and Recreation, they applied for the possible state funding. Unfortunately, the state did not choose their application to fund. The discussion that followed concerned the timing, requirements of that particular grant and its negative effect on annual organization funds. Many of our cornerstone arts organizations have lost all state general funds through 2014.

Anne-Marie Cannata shared recent news in NEAR, Inc./Buttonwood funding and programming, and suggested that she'd like to see the MCA begin to consider funding administrative assistants for the smaller organizations like NEAR, Inc.

Chair Godburn used this moment to introduce Hannah Breton, our new student representative. Welcome, Hannah.

## Minutes from November 28, 2012

Motion to approve by Joyce Kirkpatrick, seconded by Richard Kamins. Passed unanimously.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as written by Jenny Lecce, seconded by Richard Kamins. Carried unanimously.

## Remarks from the Chair

Chair Godburn officially welcomes our new student representative to the commission. He thanks everyone for attending during this busy time of year.

## Old Business:

**Budget Report** – Coordinator Allison presented the commission with the budget in its new format.

## Program Update

- a) Arts Stakeholders Group: year-end gathering at Russell Library, Dec. 21, noon to 2 p.m. potluck
- b) Arts & Creative Industries Council (Chamber of Commerce): No report.

- c) Website – Arts2Go.org - children's activities section is up and working, physical/spiritual arts and galleries/museums/exhibits pages are up and running. A blog is in development.
- d) Other: Display case cosmetic upgrades still under development.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Public Art Committee:**

- a) Catalogue of Public Art Collection: Rooster matting completed, Charlotte McCoid will be picking up the piece.
- b) MCAAAA 2013 – ongoing
- d) Display Area Dedication: ongoing

#### **Planning & Projects Committee:**

- a) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - ongoing.
- b) Arts Advocacy Day nominee suggestions: final candidates determined, vote to take place at January meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

- a) Review of Bylaws: ongoing.
- b) Nomination suggestions: ongoing.

#### **Other:** (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee):

**Publicity:** on going

**Kids Arts:** DECD-COA ACPIII update: no funding recieved.

**Archive:** expected action in January

### **New Business:**

**Revised Meeting Schedule for 2013:** submitted, reviewed. Motion to approve the revised meeting schedule venues by Richard Kamins, second by Franca Biales, carried unanimously.

**Budget for 2013 – 2014:** ongoing.

**Other:** none.

### **Miscellaneous:**

**Grant Reports:** were distributed for review.

**Announcements:** Greater Middletown Concert Association musical gala at the Wadsworth Mansion went very well. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. at Middlesex Hospital will be the first presentation of Letter From Italy, a new opera presented by Greater Middletown Chorale.

**Other:** none.

### **Adjournment:**

Richard Kamins moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Franca Biales. Carried.

The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on January 23, 2013 in room 208, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive.

Respectfully submitted  
Jenny Hawkins Lecce